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SUBJ: RUBBER BUFFER STOCK SCHEME: MALAYSIAN RUBBER RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT BOARD OFFICIAL TO VISIT WASHINGTON

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MRRDB WHICH STATES THAT
MRRDB CHIEF ECONOMIST P.O. THOMAS WILL BE PASSING THROUGH
WASHINGTON, D.C. ON MAY 19 AND 20, EN ROUTE FROM INTERNATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF SYNTHETIC RUBBER PRODUCERS MEETING IN BRAZIL
TO MALAYSIA AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE THOSE DATES TO BRIEF
INTERESTED DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON INTERNATIONAL RUBBER
BUFFER STOCK SCHEME.

2. THOMAS' WASHINGTON SCHEDULE BEING ARRANGED BY MR. S.
RALPH DUBROWIN, MALAYSIAN RUBBER BUREAU, 1108 SIXTEENTH
STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

3. COMMENT: IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH MRRDB DIRECTOR
SEKHAR, EMBASSY HAD MENTIONED DESIRABILITY OF KEEPING
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INTERESTED CONSUMER COUNTRIES INFORMED OF BUFFER STOCK

INTENTIONS. SEKHAR HAD PLANNED TO VISIT WASHINGTON EARLIER FOR THAT PURPOSE BUT CANCELLED BECAUSE OF ILLNESS. THOMAS NOW APPARENTLY GIVEN THIS MISSION ALTHOUGH HE NOT AT POLICY LEVEL. WE BELIEVE MEETING BETWEEN THOMAS AND WORKING LEVEL DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WOULD BE USEFUL IN PROVIDING FIRST HAND EXPRESSION OF OBJECTIVES AND INTENTIONS RE INTERNATIONAL RUBBER STOCK SCHEME. THOMAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART KL ON MAY 8 AND WILL CONTACT DUBROWIN RE SCHEDULE UPON ARRIVAL WASHINGTON.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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